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## PATENT APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Final Rejection dated October 21, 2003 of the Examiner rejecting claims 22-24, 26, and 55-63. If necessary, please consider this a Petition for Extension of Time to effect a timely response.

A check is enclosed for the \$330 fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP Deposit account No. 02-3223.

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